



## MONROE PARK PROPOSED REVISIONS

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### **Phase One Revisions, to be completed this year:**

Renovate Vegetation- Areas designated for renovation include those that are in proximity to a bench, at a major park entry point, and areas that have sufficient width to create a visibility issue. The proposed work does NOT involve a complete removal of vegetation in the area. It does involve hand selecting shrubs or clumps of shrubs which are impeding visibility and replacing those plants with lower growing varieties of similar species.

Restroom Closure- The restroom will remain locked and closed to general park use. However, during Recreation programmed events, such as the Fun for All Program, the restroom will be open and available to program participants and potentially to park users.

Renovate Play Area- The play area sand surfacing will be replaced with a combination of wood chips and rubber surfacing. This will both greatly improve the accessibility of the play area and create a cleaner and easier surface to maintain. Additional renovations are needed to meet current safety standards, including reducing the number of swings due to a lack of adequate spacing. Additional play equipment will be added which requires less space and will provide a greater diversity of play elements. New play elements include a spring-based see saw and a spinning bowl. Funding is currently available from a Community Development Block Grant for these renovations.

Accessible Picnic Table- Provide access to existing picnic table and replace with an accessible model.

Park Signs- One main park entry sign will be installed at the corner of Monroe and Broadway. Park rules signs will be installed at the other three corner entrances. Signs will be available later in the summer or fall of 2005. The potential exists for a community bulletin board. To ensure there is adequate interest to keep the board maintained, the construction and installation of the bulletin board should be initiated by neighbors and coordinated through the Volunteer in Parks Program.

Aesthetic/ Maintenance Improvements- Park benches and picnic tables will be painted, as well as the exterior of the restroom. Invasive vegetation in the planting beds will be removed, including vinca and English ivy.

**Phase Two Revisions, to be completed in the future:**

Replace Wading Pool with Spray Play- Wading pools in all Eugene parks are being decommissioned due to a lack of compliance with current health department standards. The wading pool will be replaced with a 0-depth spray play park which consists of bollard-activated water spray elements with no standing water.

Remove Concrete from Trees- 6 trees within the central, paved portion of the park have inadequate tree wells. Additional concrete will be removed from the base of the trees to provide a healthier growing environment. This may necessitate the removal of one basketball hoop and the relocation of a park light.

Expand Playground- Expand the play area into the lawn to the northwest of the existing playground. This area can accommodate additional swings or other desired elements.

Install Game Table- Install accessible game table on existing pad in northwest lawn area. Provide sidewalk access.



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